
Subject: Re: Another IDL twist

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edward.s.meinel@aero.org writes:

> Does anyone know the rhyme or reason for the
> calling methods for the built-in IDL READ_*
> procedures? Sometimes it is:
>
> image = READ_ASCII(file_name)
>
> but other times it is:
>
> READ_GIF, file_name, image
>
> What's going on?
> Do I just have to look it up everytime?

One option is to upgrade to 5.3. I've only played with the new query_image, read_image and write_image routines (and the dialog_xxx versions) but it looks like they'll do a lot of the hard work for you.

Struan
